

One of the privileges of serving in the United States House of Representatives is the opportunity to nominate outstanding young people from the 31st Congressional District to be considered for appointment to our nation's service academies. Admission to a service academy is a two-tiered process. First, the candidate must meet the minimum admission standards set by the individual academy. These standards include, among others, medical, physical and scholastic qualifications. The second tier is obtaining a nomination from an official source. An individual must meet the admission requirements of the academy, as well as receive a nomination in order to be considered for appointment to the academies. It is best to apply for nominations at least one year prior to the desired date of entry. The nomination and admission process is fully explained in each academy catalog and web page, as well as in my nomination application packet.

Acceptance to a service academy requires a nomination from an official source: one of the applicant's U.S. Senators, his/her U.S. Representative, or the Vice President of the United States. Children of career and/or retired military personnel may also seek a nomination through the Office of the President of the United States. Applicants should pursue all of these avenues to increase their chances of securing a nomination. Beginning in March of an applicant's junior year in high school, the student may request in writing a nomination application packet from my Round Rock District Office, or download the application below.

(insert pdf file to download)

Note: The U.S. Service Academy Nomination Process for the class entering Summer of 2013 has a deadline for submitting completed nomination applications to my Round Rock office by October 5, 2012.

To request a nomination packet, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Round Rock, Texas 78664
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Service Academy Applicants must be:

- U.S. Citizens
- Legal Residents of the 31st Congressional District of Texas
- At least 17 years of age, but not yet 23 years of age by July 1 of the year of admission
- Unmarried with no dependents
- By law, graduates of the service academies are appointed to active duty as commissioned officers and serve in the appropriate branch of the military for a minimum of five years

Please be sure to contact the service academy of your preference directly to establish a pre-candidate file. Candidates are evaluated for admission on the basis of academic performance (high school record and SAT or ACT scores), demonstrated leadership potential, physical aptitude, and medical qualification. Each service academy will be able to answer specific questions and schedule individual medical examinations. Due to the rigorous physical program at the academies, all candidates must meet their specific medical and physical requirements. (Such examinations are separate from my nomination process and are required prior to receiving an appointment to a service academy.) Ultimate selection of appointees rests solely with academy officials and is based on their competitive evaluation of all nominees.

To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly:

U.S. Military Academy (Army)
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
USNA Admissions
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018
(800) 822-2769
www.usna.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840-5025
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, New York 11024-1699
(800) 732-6267
www.usmma.edu

For admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), congressional nominations are no longer required or submitted. Therefore, if you are interested in attending the USCGA, contact them directly:

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscga.edu